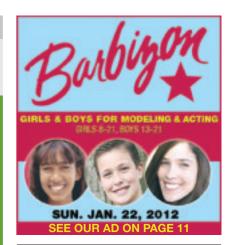
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THE PEOPLE WHO BLACKED OUT THE WEB

NY Sens. Schumer,
 Gillibrand both back
 anti-piracy bills
 Opponents who say
 legislation will lead to
 censorship turn off

websites in protest

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TSA admits wrongs at JFK

The Transportation Security Administration admitted Monday that it did not properly screen two elderly women at JFK airport last fall. Two Long Island women, ages 89 and 85, told the New York Daily News that they were humiliatingly strip-searched in November. The Homeland Security Department wrote a letter acknowledging the screeners violated their own practices.

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In the news



Opossum rides the D train

A D train was evacuated after a nervouslooking opossum was discovered hiding below a seat in the early morning hours on Jan. 13. As The New York Times reported, the animal was later removed from the train by animal control agents. The incident naturally resulted in the creation of the Twitter handle A Subway Possum. * METRO/CG

'SOPA-thetic': Protesters rally against piracy bills

New Yorkers demand senators drop support of controversial bill, say it will bring Web innovation to a standstill Senators deny it's censorship





New York City's tech community went offline and into the streets yesterday to protest the increasingly unpopular anti-piracy bills Stop Online Piracy Act and Protect Intellectual Property Act currently being mulled by members of Congress.

Nearly 200 protesters rallied outside the offices of Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, demanding the pair drop their support of the bills.

SOPA and PIPA legislation is designed, among other things, to give the U.S. government the ability to shut down access to foreign websites that share pirated movies, unli-

The protest was virtual too, with nearly 7,000 tech companies blacking out their websites in objection to the bills.

censed music and counterfeit goods. Schumer and Gillibrand are just two of the dozens of members of Congress who support the bill.

Supporters of the bills argue that they are protecting jobs by fighting online piracy, but opponents say the laws clear the way for Internet censorship.

"This is a horrible law," said Peter Lidner, 62, an iPhone app developer who lives in Union Square. "This is America, not communist China."

Yesterday's protest was organized through MeetUp.com. "This will cripple the Internet," said Meetup CEO and founder Scott Heiferman.

Heiferman called SOPA and PIPA "silly" and insisted today was only the beginning of anti-SOPA and PIPA efforts. "We're standing our ground," he vowed.

Protesters believe the senators support the bill at the behest of entertainment and media lobbyists.

"They are protecting copyright holders at the expense of everyone else," said David Carroll, 36, a Parsons University professor. "It would basically destroy the startup industry in the world."

The bill has undergone many changes and will most likely undergo more, but protesters say no amount of tinkering will make the proposed laws palatable.

"Whatever small tweaks they make, it's still a power struggle between the large media institutions and innovation on the Internet," said Park Slope resident Cassidy Leerman, 30.





Christie wants NJ Giants parade

NEW JERSEY. If the New York Giants win the Superbowl, the parade should be in New Jersey, not New York, Gov. Chris Christie declared yesterday. Meanwhile, Mayor Michael Bloomberg bet San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee that, if the Giants win Sunday's game, Lee will drape a cable car in Giants flags. If the 49ers win, Bloomberg will rename 49th Street in Manhattan as "49ers Street." Say it ain't so! METRO/AB

PCP drug ring busted

HARLEM. Cops busted 35 people in a PCP ring yesterday that allegedly sold "angel dust" for \$10 a bag and used an 8-year-old boy as both a police lookout and to ferry customers. The East Harlem drug ring was led by brothers Lamont Moultrie and Bernard Moultrie, according to Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance.

Elevator death probed

MIDTOWN. The Manhattan district attorney is wading into the Dec. 14 death of a woman in a Midtown elevator. According to the New York Post, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance is investigating the death of Suzanne Hart, killed when an elevator she stepped into shot up suddenly. The building had received elevator violations before her death. © METROJAB

Their defense

Sens. Gillibrand and Schumer issued a joint statement in response to protesters' cries:

"There are two important issues in this debate: continued freedom of expression on the Internet and the ability to block online piracy. We believe that both sides can come together on a solution that satisfies their respective concerns.





"We've had many discussions and held many meetings with all parts of the Internet community — from users, to members of the NY Tech Meet-up, to startups, to big Internet firms like Google, Facebook, and Yahoo — to hear their concerns regarding this proposed legislation, and we'll continue those discussions.

"After constructive dialogue

with many in the technology community, we have worked to make an important change in the bill regarding leagues to ensure a proper balance between stopping the theft of intellectual property and copyright infringement, and doing so without the unintended consequence of stifling or censoring the Internet, which we strongly oppose. We have worked to make sure there are due process protections to ensure that legal activity over the Internet is not disrupted and that the Web continues to be a place of innovation."

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Money from drug bust now helping Bx teens





In 1914, then-commissioner of the NYPD, Arthur Woods, asked his police officers to do more than just fight crime: He wanted them to help some of the neediest New Yorkers in their precincts. Woods was particularly concerned about the lack of open space for New York City children to play. He started a citywide search for vacant lots, which could be converted into play areas.

Today, the organization Woods founded along with Lower East Side's police captain, John Sweeney, is known as the Police Athletic League — a nonprofit that helps set up safe recreation areas, after-school programs and mentoring for kids and teens.

Once a month, Metro will feature updates about what the Police Athletic League is doing and how they are working to help make New York City streets healthier and safer.

One of the latest initiatives of the Police Athletic League is to take drug money and give it to kids in the communities where those drugs were sold.

The Police Athletic League, a nonprofit group run by civilians, just opened a center in the Bronx in December. There, teenagers can escape the streets with basketball and other programs, all paid for by money confiscated in a drug bust that took place right

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♠ Police talk to kids about gangs and bullying while shooting hoops

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Opinion

ALANA SWEENEY

"This particular area had been ravaged, like a war zone." SWEENEY

of our community.

Although the Police Athletic League is as vibrant as ever, many people who have recently moved to the city do not know about our organization. They are not aware of the many opportunities we provide for kids ages 2 to 19 in some of New York City's most challenged areas.

Through this column, I intend to introduce you to our great nonprofit organization

and its programs.

I hope that you will become as enthusiastic as I am about the creative ways we are helping children expand their horizons and you will join in supporting PAL, "the best friend a kid can have."

- Alana Sweeney is Executive Director of the Police Athletic League.

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around the corner.

New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan donated the money, according to Alana Sweeney, who runs the Police Athletic League.

"They've taken this money that was unraveling the fabric of the community, and now they're using that money to reweave the fabric, to give the kids a chance," Sweeney said.

The Teen Impact Center, at I.S. 229 in Morris Heights, hosts basketball, volleyball and dance classes for youths ages 12 to 19.

PAL builds such centers in neighborhoods the NYPD suggests needs them, she said usually areas of high crime, poverty and unemployment.

"You tend to have an increase in the gangs. ... You tend to have higher crime in those areas," she said.

Police officers also often

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Youths attended the Teen Impact Center in 2010.

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Youths attend PAL events each year.

swing by to shoot hoops with teens when they're in the neighborhood.

"They felt it was important to have a place for the youth to be able to drop in and get off the street," she said, referring to the cops.

They also sneak in some lessons, Sweeney said, hosting impromptu sessions around the games to talk about bullying and gang activity.

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Why R. Money hates America

Welcome to Metropolitik, a new Metro feature designed to bring you, our busy reader, the best election coverage that no money can buy. For complaints, suggestions and offers of male sexual enhancement, please e-mail us at brayden.simms@metro.us.

Yesterday we warned you we were on the lookout for dirt on Republican presidential candidate front-runner Mitt Romney. Then, as if in response to our plea, the Internet heavens opened and dumped the book on Mitt—specifically, the 200-page laundry list of flip-flops, missteps and other general negatives compiled by the 2008 McCain campaign. Hallelujah, Amen.

Between scathing details of Romney's "pro-choice" beliefs, then his switch to "no prochoice," then back to "prochoice" again, and finally firmly "pro-life" for now, are some details that will shake the foundations of his presidential campaign, if not the nation.

Take, for instance, the revelation on page 137 that Romney's former employer, Bain Capital — his affiliation with which has already caused Romney a few headaches on the campaign trail over allegations of "vulture capitalism" — "was once dubbed the KGB of consulting." Or the mention, on page 199 under the heading "Awkward Moments," that Romney once described fake basketball team the Harlem Globetrotters as having "trouble making touchdowns.

But it doesn't get much



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worse than the page 175 revelation that Romney has flipped, of all things, on his choice of favorite film. According to The Book: "Romney once said 'O Brother Where Art Thou' was his favorite movie, now says it is 'Raiders of the Lost Ark."

We can see here that Romney is clearly in the pocket of Big Lucas. "Raiders", the first of the Indiana Jones films, is certainly memorable if not for its strong anti-Nazi and face-melting themes. But "O Brother," the Coen brothers' Homerian homage to the deep South, is a quintessentially American film, set in the good old days of transparent racism.

Did Romney just lose South Carolina?

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Obama just too smart for us

NEW YORK. Newsweek made waves this week with a cover story titled "Why are Obama's critics so dumb?" in which writer Andrew Sullivan described Obama critics on both sides of the aisle as "simply — empirically — wrong."

Well, we don't like being wrong any more than the next guy. As such, we will politely put to bed all of our apparently wrongheaded complaints about Obama, including that he has: institutionalized the secret assassinations of U.S. citizens: prosecuted Bush-era whistleblowers; unilaterally declared war; and empowered the financial industry by placing key bank execs in places of high government power.

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@jimmyfallon

Texted a friend: "What time's Dennis' surprise party?" Dennis texted back: "Guess it's just a party now."

Asarahksilverman

Jesus would be bummed about the Vatican being all filled w riches that could feed the world (but doesn't)

@ParisHilton

In the studio working on new music. Love being creative.

@SteveMartinToGo

My vow: if I can't think up anything interesting to say, I will say it on Twitter



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THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip **@monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us**

- Dorothy Robinson will return tomorrow.

Mark Wahlberg could have helped prevent 9/11?

It looks like **Mark Wahlberg** has spent a little too much time talking tough on movie sets. In an interview with Men's Journal, the actor claims that if he had been onboard a hijacked plane on September 11, 2011, things would have ended differently.

(Before we get started, some fun facts about Mark Wahlberg: He's 5'8" and doesn't have a pilot's license.)

"If I was on that plane with my kids, it wouldn't have went down like it did," says the actor, who had purchased a ticket for one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center but changed his travel plans. "There would have been a lot of blood in that first-class cabin and then me saying, 'OK, we're going to land somewhere safely, don't worry.'"

Oh, Mark. In the real world, saying heroic things in a Southie Boston accent doesn't magically kill the bad guys.



Depp's relationship over

Now that he's officially played too many freaks and geeks to be attractive, **Johnny Depp** is about to be single and back on U.S. soil. His relationship with French singer **Vanessa Paradis** is "all but officially finished," sources tell People magazine. Others claim the pair have already split after spending 13 years together.

Oh, who are we kidding: We can work with Captain Jack's eyeliner if he promises to keep the Wonka wig in the drawer.

Today in Lohan legal trouble

Lindsay Lohan is looking at more legal trouble.
Thomas Green, a former Marine, wants \$300,000 for "unfair business practices," claiming that Lohan led him to believe she'd help him with an online business. He alleges she is, in fact, a high-end prostitute, reports TMZ.

Something we don't know, Tom. Something we don't know.

Talking points

Rihanna and Chris Brown back together?

It's been nearly three years since **Chris Brown**'s infamous assault of girlfriend **Rihanna**. But after court dates and restraining orders, the two allegedly have been getting together on the sly, according to Us Weekly. Brown and Rihanna "meet up very casu-

ally," a source says. "She comes to see him anytime she's in L.A. They can't get enough of each other. I don't see it ending well." So what's the draw of a loose-cannon ex-boyfriend? "Rihanna loves to live dangerously, and talking to and hooking up with Chris is all part of that," says another source.

Beyonce gushes about Blue Ivy

Beyonce Knowles is at a loss for words when it comes to new daughter **Blue Ivy Carter**. "Nothing can describe the feeling," she says in her first post-birth interview, with Star magazine. "You have the instant connection once you know your child is growing inside you. But when you hold it for the first time, the words can't be found." As for husband Jay-Z, Beyonce confirms he was on hand for the delivery. "He would not have missed it for anything," Beyonce says. "He is a very protective and loyal guy by nature." Unfortunately, not everybody's feeling the love: Beyonce's rep says the interview is "completely made up."



Michelle Williams almost quit

Michelle Williams admits that going back to work after the death of ex-boyfriend Heath Ledger was nearly the end of her career. "It was horrible. I don't remember most of it," the "My Week with Marilyn" star tells GQ magazine. After making her first two films after the tragedy — "Mammoth" and "Shutter Island" — Williams considered retiring from acting. "That seemed like a really smart idea," the recent Golden Globe winner says.

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Checking in with stars around the

- 1. A blond Rachel McAdams was in London yesterday.
- 2. There were no age limits in place at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Berlin yesterday. And no spell-checkers
- **3. PJ Harvey** played a spooky set in Sydney yesterday.
- 4. Channing Tatum and his impossibly square jaw flashed a peace sign in London yesterday.
- 5. Poor Spain! Not only has "Jack and Jill" hit its unsus-pecting shores, but Adam Sandler didn't even stop by. Yesterday, actor **Santiago Segura** was on hand to promote the film instead.





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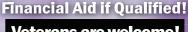


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How do you keep your romance out of a rut?

Ditch the sweatpants and take-out for the sake of keeping your relationship spicy DEmbrace change and be sure to schedule a date night once a week

said about Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, but one thing is for sure: They are not in a rut. How do they keep their romance exciting when it is easy, in a committed relationship, to settle into the mundane? To tell the truth, it isn't so hard — but it does require a little effort.

The reason so many couples do start to feel stuck in a boring routine is because there is a strong force that pulls them toward their comfort zone. This could mean staying in on a weekend night, wearing your sweatpants around the house, eating at the same restaurant repeatedly or going to a different restaurant but still ordering the same old dish. Keep in mind that the ingredient that keeps a relation-ship feeling fresh is change itself, because that is what brings in the new. But most people resist change since it daunting and can make them feel anxious.

You have to find the balance between the ease of the familiar and the adventure of the unknown. You want to be able to be yourself, but you want to keep your relation**Shrink Wrap**



"You have to find the balance between the ease of the familiar and the adventure of the unknown. You want to be able to be yourself, but you want to keep your relationship vital. In order to do that. challenge yourself to try new activities and go to new places."

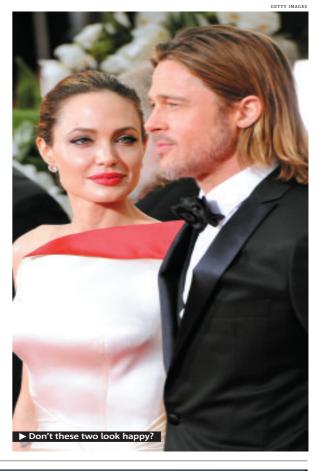
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challenge yourself to try new activities and go to new places. It's fine to have a movie night at home in your pajamas as long as you even it out with a date night that you can both look forward to. Plan at least one occasion in the week where you take the time to look and dress special so that you feel great. That will add to your being excited and looking forward to your time together. In addition to the experiences, you'll have the fun of sharing and rehashing the memories they create.

An open package of bread left unattended can quickly go stale. Make sure to keep your love life frisky by giving it the attention it deserves. Brad and Angelina do it you can, too.

 Relationship expert Dr. Jane
 Greer is creator of "Shrink Wrap" – national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships — and host of "Let's Talk Sex" at Healthylife.net. Her book, "What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship," is available nationwide.

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Super PACs used by **Democrats as well!**

RE: "WHEN SUPER PACS ATTACK": This article makes it seem that the Republicans invented a new form of political spending. There is no mention of the \$9 million spent by the Service Employees International Union in 2008 in support of Obama's election. And also \$1 million spent by the Goldman Sachs PAC? (That paid off well.) And then there was Moveon.org, NARAL, the United Food & Commercial Workers International. In total, the 2008 Obama PACs spent \$750 million. This is all out of control. DOUGLAS HAAS, VIA E-MAIL

Gingrich wants to go back in time

Newt Gingrich says: "You could ... hire 30-some kids to work in the school for the price of one janitor, and those 30 kids would be a lot less likely to drop out." Although clearly the smartest of the GOP candidates, Gingrich lacks familiarity with child-labor laws, the human compassion that is their basis and the street smarts to know that many urban-poor kids drop out to deal drugs and make far more money. He obviously wants us to return to the Triangle Shirt Factory: slave labor, no minimum wage, working 14 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; that is, no government regulation over the lords-and-commoners "market." This sentiment typifies Republicans and exemplifies why no Republican should ever hold public office at any level of any government. J. ANDREW SMITH, BLOOMFIELD, N.J.

"I'll take the one who has kept his campaign promises."

RE: "WE HAVE ONE PARTY: IT'S CALLED BIG MONEY": Exactly how does reading from a teleprompter invalidate either President Obama or Mr. Romney as candidates? Does Ms. Donnoe expect them to memorize long, detailed speeches? As for sincerity. I'll take the one who has kept his campaign promises (the incumbent) over the serial liar and career failure (the GOP challenger) every time. JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE

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HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

🗗 Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. It doesn't look like old accounts will be squared up. Unfortunately, others do not show you the same consideration that you've shown them.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. There's a possibility that you could talk to the wrong person and reveal something meant to be confidential. Something that should be kept se-

cret could come out. H Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Honestly examine your motives about your poor behavior toward a friend. If you're treating him or her badly because of envy, you need to

clean up your act fast. T Aries March 21-April 19. A failure to take a firm stance on an important issue could prove to be unforgivable to those who need your support. Trying to stay out of it makes you look like a traitor.

Taurus April 20-May 20. If helpmates do not live up to your expectations, the fault might not be entirely theirs. It could be due in most part to the faulty instructions you gave them.

II Gemini May 21-June 20. Unless you've learned from past experiences to keep your guard up, you're destined to suffer the same unpleasant results again from someone with a smooth tongue

and low motives Gancer Tune 21-Tuly 22. Because

neither you nor your mate are likely to be at your best when it comes to making a major decision, it would be smart to wait until at least one of you has your head on straight. Ω Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Unless you plan the logistics of your day, you could end up spending a lot of time being very busy but accomplishing nothing. Avoid the wasted effort. My Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. This is one of those rare days when you could be too much of a risk-taker for your own good. If you go in where the odds are stacked against you, don't

expect to be bailed out. Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Your chart indicates that this could be one of those days when you simply can't believe in yourself and, as a result, have a tendency to throw in the towel just when victory is in sight.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Unless you find a balance in situations where you should be bold, you'll be unduly cautious. Conversely, when you should be wary, you'll end up being far too reckless.

₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If buying some special merchandise, don't permit your desires to exceed your means and cause you to spend beyond your price. You might end up much wiser, but sadder as well. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

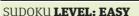
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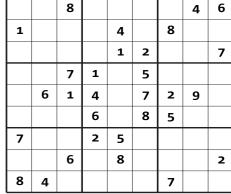
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Female chefs on how they stay in the fire

• We asked three top female chefs what it takes to succeed • Long hours and hard work pay off ▶ Their advice for future chefs — male and female

ood ingredients and intense, true flavors" are what inspire Kierin Baldwin, head pastry chef at The Dutch. They're also what make a successful chef. We spoke to three of New York's top female chefs about the passion, dedication, and sacrifice required to excel in a male-dominated industry.

Advice for female chefs

All chefs recommend working in a kitchen for at least a year. "Don't call in sick, don't show up late, don't goof off," says chef Amanda Cohen, owner of vegetarian restaurant Dirt Candy. "If you put in the work, your technique will support you for the rest of your life." Baldwin's advice for male pastry cooks? "Don't be too cocky. ... This is the same advice I give women, though."

The strength to be flexible

Success in a professional kitchen requires long



hours, often very early or late, making it difficult to see loved ones who work or

go to school during the day. "You have to be at peace with it," chef Baldwin says, "or you will never be happy in this profession."

Flexibility is also crucial. Early in her career, vegetarian chef Cohen (pictured) occasionally prepared meat. "I cooked by smell, touch and sound, and judging by how popular my buffalo wings were, it worked." She now eats a bit of seafood. "You have to taste the competition to stay competitive."



Finding balance

"We lose a lot of women because they want or need



to be caretakers in their families," says Anita Lo. industry veteran and executive chef

and owner of Annisa ("women" in Arabic). While pastry cooking draws more women than men, ranks dwindle at the management level for the same reason.

But chef Lo notices that more women are balancing work and home. Lo, who exemplified grit when she rebuilt Annisa after a kitchen fire in 2009, draws inspiration from her mother, a doctor. "She worked very hard, making a quarter of what my father did for the same job." Still, says Lo, "she came home after working 15 hours a day and cooked for us."





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'Arranged down to the minutiae'

• Henry Wolfe on discovering a tradition of songwriting that predates the British Invasion • He writes in a style that works for backing bands on East and West coasts

Modern music enters Henry Wolfe's life rarely. He's in his early 30s and he lived through Williamsburg's hipster heyday, even playing in an electro-ish combo called Bravo Silva before moving to Los Angeles several years ago. He says he has always loved music from the 1970s, Neil Young being notable among that, but it's the

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He's My Brother, She's My Sister with Henry Wolfe Friday, 9:30 p.m. **Mercury Lounge** 217 East Houston St. \$10, 212-260-4700 www.mercuryloungenyc.com stylish melodies, breezy syncopation, and lyrical swank of classics from Burt Bacharach to Cole Porter that influenced his solo debut, "Linda Vista."

"I discovered a whole tradition of songwriting that predates the British Invasion," says Wolfe. "One of the things I like most about my album is that there's room for individual players to stretch out and have their voices heard. A lot of music I've made and will probably make in the future is arranged down to the minutiae of what each instrument will play."

That element works because, like the proverbial sailor with a girl in every port, Wolfe has different East Coast and

▶ If you can't make the Friday night show, catch Wolfe Saturday at The Knitting Factory in Brooklyn (www.knittingfactory.com).

West Coast backing bands.

"The fact that I don't have one set of musicians that I'm always playing with [means havingl a repertoire that is flexible is important. It's nice not to have to rely on anyone or have them feel like you're relying on them. I like that independ-

LINDA LABAN linda.laban@metro.us

Wolfe in Streep's

clothing

Wolfe is the son of actress Meryl Streep, and he and his family had cause for celebration the night before he chatted with Metro. His mom won the Golden Globe for Best Actress for her masterful portrayal of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady."

"This is the time of the year when it's convention season for Hollywood," Wolfe says. "My mom has been in L.A. quite a lot. I'm really proud of her. I think she's outdone herself with this film."

More in music **Jeff Mangum**

Tonight, 7:30 **Howard Gilman Opera** House, Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave. \$35, 718-636-4100

In 1998, Jeff Mangum pro-duced what is arguably one of the most celebrated albums in indie music with Neutral Milk Hotel's "In the Aeroplane Over the Sea," a masterpiece of lo-fi folk and ambiguous lyrical imagery. The mythmaking of the record has only intensified over time as Mangum became a recluse, never writing a follow-up and making only sporadic live appearances. But as time heals most wounds, he has scheduled a three-night residency at the BAM. Tickets may be hard to come by.

Cults

Tonight at 8 Webster Hall. 125 E. 11th St. 800-745-3000

Cults, comprised of NYC natives Brian Oblivion and Madeline Follin, became one of the most buzzed about new bands last year thanks to their self-titled debut and its pairing of precocious, dreamy '60s girl-pop with synths and softly integrated samples. Much like their namesake would suggest, the band's following is only getting stronger. • MIKE HILLERY

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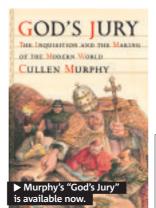


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In his new book, "God's Jury: The Inquisition and the Making of the Modern World," Murphy traces the history of inquisitions — Spanish, but also Medieval, Roman and others and parallels their harsh methods of persecution and interrogation with others familiar



from today's headlines. "Any inquisition has an institutional basis that allows persecution or repression to occur over long periods of time. When you go back and look at the inquisitions with those things in mind, I think that you find the concept to be a lot more modern than you may have expected if you're thinking about people in dark chambers with hoods and torches."

What is most surprising in Murphy's account is the almost nerdy bureaucracy that springs up repeatedly in inquisitions, which have a tendency toward exhaustive record-keeping. "Bureaucracy, on the one hand,

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Manning not at practice due to illness

Sometimes when a player is missing from practice it goes unnoticed. Other times, it's impossible to miss.

Count Eli Manning in the second category. But Giants fans

shouldn't have to worry.

"Eli started practice,
but did not finish," head
coach Tom Coughlin said.
"He has a stomach bug
and that is why he
appears on the injury list.
Hopefully it is just a 24hour deal and he will feel
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Blue thinking big

Not just Antrel Rolle is feeling confident ◆ Victor Cruz says team does feel unstoppable ◆ Matchup is just an obstacle, not a chance for revenge

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It's almost inarguable that anyone on the Giants has as big a chip on their shoulder as safety Antrel Rolle, but that doesn't preclude others from having the same amount of confidence as they prepare for San Francisco.

"In a sense we do feel like it," receiver Victor Cruz said when asked if he feels like his team is unstoppable. "If we're playing like we've been playing, if we're executing at a high level the way we've been ON TV SUNDAY

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playing, we're a tough team to stop. ... Hopefully, we can win the game pretty well. As long as we can execute and do all the things we know how to do, we'll be OK."

Though they are happy to get the rematch, revenge isn't on their minds. But each player that was asked about facing



"We found our identity against the Jets. And we are going to keep that identity."

ANTREL ROLLE, GIANTS SAFETY

the 49ers again said having played them before — and losing to them — helps the team hone in on assignments bet-

But in the end, the players said the 49ers represent the next obstacle.

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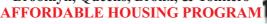
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